

social media, “genocide.” We have a war in the Middle East. We don’t have genocide.

If you believe a country should not exist, the millions of people in that country should also not exist, which means you are calling for genocide.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to vote “yes” on this resolution. Israel has a right to exist.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. AMO), the newest member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm our ally Israel’s right to exist.

The unprovoked October 7 attack by Hamas has left a deep wound. Israel has a right to defend itself against this barbarism consistent with international humanitarian law, including the protection of civilians.

Far too many Israeli families do not know the fate of their loved ones at the hands of Hamas. While some have relief, there are still many who need to be reunited with their families. My hope is that the success President Biden has had will secure the release of all the hostages.

Importantly, the extended pause has meant additional humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the innocent Palestinian families in Gaza for whom Hamas has no regard. There must be sustained and safe access to food, water, and medical care.

Paramount is the prevention of this conflict from spreading, preserving stability in the Middle East, and working toward a durable peace.

These events have brought forward a rise in anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Anti-Semitic incidents have involved violent assaults on Jewish students on college campuses and protesters extolling terrorist organizations.

Close to home, I was especially horrified that this past weekend, three students of Palestinian descent, one a Brown University student, were shot. I pray for their recovery and that the assailant be brought to justice.

This crisis of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia demands an urgent and collective response. There is no place for violence or hate in America.

In recognition of Israel’s right to exist and for the immediate release of hostages taken during the October 7 attack, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 888 and H. Res. 793.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, the Jewish people have connections to the State of Israel that go back thousands of years. Indeed, the Jewish people are indigenous to that land.

Yes, Israel has a right to exist. This multicultural, multiethnic, multireligious nation, a nation of laws, a nation with free speech and free press, a na-

tion of innovation, and a vibrant, thriving democracy, an incredible country, has much to teach the world and will continue to do so. This country, our only democratic ally in the Middle East, is here to stay.

This resolution puts the House of Representatives on record as affirming the State of Israel’s right to exist. It recognizes that denying Israel’s right to exist is a form of anti-Semitism. It rejects calls for Israel’s destruction and the elimination of the only Jewish state and condemns the October 7 Hamas-led terrorist attack on the State of Israel and its people.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution, and I urge all my colleagues to do the same. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for closing.

It should be clear by now to each and every Member of this body on both sides of the aisle and every American that Israel has a right to exist. This sentiment is unequivocal and is a critical point to unequivocally voice now in our ally’s time of need.

Harry Truman recognized the State of Israel 11 minutes after its founding. For 75 years, the United States and Israel have had a special bond. Israel is the only multiracial, multiethnic, multireligious democracy in the Middle East. It is a beacon of hope, of freedom, and of opportunity.

If anyone in this body believes that they do not have the right to exist, please explain to us and the American people what nation does.

This is a simple vote, and every Member should be on record in support of Israel’s right to exist. If they cannot muster the courage to support Israel’s right to exist at this moment, they don’t belong in Congress, period.

This is a simple vote, and I encourage all of my colleagues to stand with Israel, to defend and reaffirm their very right to exist, and to defend the right of the Jewish people to practice their faith.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 888.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS REQUIRED TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO FULFILL ITS WATER DELIVERIES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 683) expressing support for the diplomatic relations required to encourage the Government of Mexico to fulfill its water deliveries on an annual basis to the United States under the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 683

Whereas the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, signed at Washington, February 1944 (59 Stat. 1219), commits the Government of Mexico to send an average of not less than 350,000 acre-feet of water annually over a 5-year cycle to the United States;

Whereas Mexico repeatedly waits until the end of this 5-year cycle to fulfill such water commitment; and

Whereas each year, farmers in south Texas are experiencing water shortages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the diplomatic relations required to encourage the Government of Mexico to fulfill its water deliveries on an annual basis to the United States under the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, signed at Washington, February 1944 (59 Stat. 1219);

(2) encourages Mexico to fulfill such commitments on an annual basis;

(3) acknowledges that farmers in south Texas are experiencing water shortages;

(4) supports negotiations on a Minute that will ensure more predictable and reliable water deliveries to users in the United States; and

(5) encourages new commitments to ensure that the United States receives annual deliveries of at least 350,000 acre-feet of water under such treaty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, stretching from the mountains of Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico, the Rio Grande River also forms over 1,200 miles of the international border between the United States and Mexico.

The Treaty on Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, signed in 1944, secures consistent and dependable water supplies for both countries, which is critically important in our desert Southwest.

The treaty obligates Mexico to make available to the U.S. not less than 350,000 acre-feet of water per year from the main channel of the Rio Grande, averaged over a consecutive 5-year period. However, since 1994, Mexico has, on multiple occasions, failed to fulfill its Rio Grande water delivery commitments.

The latest data indicates that we have now moved into year 4 of the 5-year cycle, and Mexico is in arrears of over 680,000 acre-feet of water, nearly two full years' worth. Mexico's recurring failure has reached real-world repercussions, especially for American farmers and ranchers, who have suffered devastating crop and cattle losses.

U.S. diplomats and officials must urge Mexico to honor its commitments and establish regulations to regularize water deliveries.

With this resolution, the House of Representatives affirms its support for the United States to use its resources to secure compliance by the Mexican Government.

I thank my colleague from Texas, Congresswoman MONICA DE LA CRUZ, for introducing this bipartisan measure, which received unanimous support in the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time. I rise in strong support of H. Res. 683, introduced by my colleague, Representative MONICA DE LA CRUZ.

I had the opportunity to support this resolution as it made its way through the House Foreign Affairs Committee earlier this month, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting its passage here.

Mr. Speaker, climate change has led to more prevalent and severe climate events across North America and has affected us all. Lack of rain, for example, has caused severe drought, impacting farming communities and businesses that provide critical crops and jobs. Rising temperatures have affected the volume and distribution of rainfall and snowfall over time. Without water, farmers have had to make difficult choices about whether to plant their crops, resulting in major losses all around.

In these challenging times, I recognize the importance of engaging constructively with our neighbors to re-

solve issues that may seem local but have broad global implications and downstream effects. One instance where we must improve our international cooperation concerns the share of water between the United States and Mexico from the Colorado and the Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

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Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 683 recognizes that, as farmers in south Texas experience greater water shortages, we must work with the Government of Mexico to ensure its deliveries of water to the U.S. are made more consistent and timely and encourages new commitments to be made for that purpose.

I am particularly impressed by the International Boundary and Water Commission's engagement this year to advance the goals of the 1944 treaty relating to the utilization of the waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and the Rio Grande.

The Commission's work to ensure that commitments made to distribute water are upheld in a timely manner and in the right quantities have not gone unnoticed. No doubt these changes in regular access to water will have a positive impact on those who grow the food and livestock we depend on.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the dialogue and diplomacy necessary to confront this urgent issue.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ), the author of this resolution.

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 683. This is a matter of utmost importance that impacts the lives and livelihoods of families in south Texas and across all of America.

The ongoing drought and resulting water scarcity in the Rio Grande Valley represents a crisis for our farmers and our communities. Under the 1944 water treaty, our neighbors in Mexico have pledged to supply the United States of America with an average of 350,000 acre-feet of water annually over a 5-year cycle.

Unfortunately, there have been consistent delays in meeting these obligations that have severely affected American agriculture.

The absence of adequate water threatens to drastically reduce their yields, potentially cutting their usual production in half. This situation poses a threat not only to local communities but also to our national food security, escalating the costs for American families, and increasing our reliance on imported produce.

This shortfall is also leading to stringent water restrictions in our community, further burdening families and businesses. It is, therefore, incumbent

upon the Mexican Government to fulfill their treaty obligations. It is not fair for American families, American farmers, and ranchers to be penalized due to noncompliance by Mexico.

In response to this pressing issue, I introduced this bipartisan House resolution that expresses support for the diplomatic relations necessary to ensure Mexico adheres to the 1944 water treaty.

This resolution emphasizes the need for consistent water delivery to the United States and encourages renewed commitments to uphold the annual water deliveries.

Mr. Speaker, I express my sincere thanks to the bipartisan coalition of House Members, including my esteemed colleague, HENRY CUELLAR, for their support in bringing the resolution to the House floor. Additionally, I thank the chairman, my fellow Texan (Mr. McCAUL), for his efforts with this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bipartisan House resolution. It is crucial that the 1944 water treaty be honored as it provides vital support for American farmers who are pivotal in sustaining our Nation's food supply.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my community and all of south Texas, we are thankful for the attention given to this urgent matter.

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution recognizes that, as farmers in south Texas are suffering from water shortages, dialogue and diplomacy will be critical to ensuring that water deliveries from the Government of Mexico, per the 1944 treaty, are made in a timely and consistent manner.

H. Res. 683 supports the negotiations being undertaken to secure water deliveries on an annual basis that would allow farmers to have predictable quantities of water for their crops and their livestock.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution and urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 683.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and agree to:

- H. Res. 793; and
- H. Res. 888.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

CALLING ON HAMAS TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE HOSTAGES
TAKEN DURING OCTOBER 2023
ATTACK ON ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 793) calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 676]

YEAS—414

Adams	Burgess	Crow
Aderholt	Burlison	Cuellar
Aguilar	Calvert	Curtis
Alford	Cammack	D'Esposito
Allen	Caraveo	Davidson
Allred	Carbajal	Davis (IL)
Amo	Cárdenas	Davis (NC)
Amodei	Carey	De La Cruz
Armstrong	Carl	Dean (PA)
Arrington	Carson	DeGette
Auchincloss	Carter (GA)	DeLauro
Babin	Carter (LA)	DeBene
Bacon	Carter (TX)	Deluzio
Baird	Cartwright	DeSaulnier
Balderson	Casar	Diaz-Balart
Balint	Case	Dingell
Banks	Casten	Doggett
Barr	Castor (FL)	Donalds
Barragán	Castro (TX)	Duarte
Bean (FL)	Chavez-DeRemer	Duncan
Beatty	Cherfilus-	Dunn (FL)
Bentz	McCormick	Edwards
Bera	Chu	Ellzey
Bergman	Ciscomani	Emmer
Beyer	Clark (MA)	Escobar
Bice	Clarke (NY)	Eshoo
Biggs	Cleaver	Espallat
Bilirakis	Cline	Estes
Bishop (NC)	Cloud	Ezell
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Fallon
Blunt Rochester	Clyde	Feenstra
Boebert	Cohen	Ferguson
Bonamici	Cole	Pinstad
Bost	Collins	Fischbach
Bowman	Comer	Fitzgerald
Boyle (PA)	Connolly	Fitzpatrick
Brecheen	Correa	Fleischmann
Brown	Costa	Fletcher
Brownley	Courtney	Flood
Buchanan	Craig	Foster
Buck	Crane	Foushee
Bucshon	Crawford	Fox
Budzinski	Crenshaw	Frankel, Lois
Burchett	Crockett	

Franklin, Scott	LaTurner	Rosendale
Frost	Lawler	Ross
Fry	Lee (FL)	Rouzer
Fulcher	Lee (PA)	Roy
Gallagher	Leger Fernandez	Ruiz
Gallego	Lesko	Ruppersberger
Garamendi	Letlow	Rutherford
Garbarino	Levin	Ryan
Garcia (IL)	Lieu	Salazar
Garcia (TX)	Lofgren	Salinas
Garcia, Mike	Loudermilk	Sánchez
Garcia, Robert	Lucas	Santos
Gimenez	Luetkemeyer	Sarbanes
Golden (ME)	Luna	Scalise
Goldman (NY)	Luttrell	Scanlon
Gomez	Lynch	Schakowsky
Gonzales, Tony	Mace	Schiff
Gonzalez,	Magaziner	Schneider
Vicente	Malliotakis	Scholten
Good (VA)	Mann	Schrier
Gooden (TX)	Manning	Schweikert
Gosar	Massie	Scott (VA)
Gottheimer	Mast	Scott, David
Granger	Matsui	Self
Graves (LA)	McBath	Sessions
Graves (MO)	McCaul	Sewell
Green (TN)	McClain	Sherman
Green, Al (TX)	McClellan	Sherrill
Greene (GA)	McClintock	Simpson
Griffith	McCollum	Slotkin
Grijalva	McCormick	Smith (MO)
Grothman	McGarvey	Smith (NE)
Guest	McGovern	Smith (NJ)
Guthrie	Meeks	Smith (WA)
Hageman	Menendez	Smucker
Harder (CA)	Meng	Sorensen
Harris	Meuser	Soto
Harshbarger	Mfume	Spanberger
Hayes	Miller (IL)	Spartz
Hern	Miller (OH)	Stansbury
Higgins (LA)	Miller (WV)	Stanton
Higgins (NY)	Miller-Meeks	Stauber
Hill	Mills	Stefanik
Himes	Molinaro	Steil
Hinson	Moolenaar	Steube
Horsford	Mooney	Stevens
Houchin	Moore (AL)	Strickland
Houlahan	Moore (UT)	Strong
Hoyer	Moore (WI)	Sykes
Hoyle (OR)	Moran	Takano
Hudson	Morelle	Tenney
Huffman	Moskowitz	Thanedar
Huizenga	Moulton	Thompson (CA)
Hunt	Mrvan	Thompson (MS)
Issa	Mullin	Thompson (PA)
Ivey	Murphy	Tiffany
Jackson (IL)	Nadler	Timmons
Jackson (NC)	Napolitano	Titus
Jackson (TX)	Neal	Tlaib
Jacobs	Neguse	Tokuda
James	Newhouse	Tonko
Jayapal	Nickel	Torres (CA)
Jeffries	Norcross	Torres (NY)
Johnson (GA)	Norman	Trahan
Johnson (LA)	Nunn (IA)	Trone
Johnson (OH)	Obermole	Turner
Johnson (SD)	Ocasio-Cortez	Underwood
Jordan	Ogles	Valadao
Joyce (OH)	Omar	Van Drew
Joyce (PA)	Owens	Van Dwyne
Kamlager-Dove	Pallone	Van Orden
Kaptur	Palmer	Vargas
Kean (NJ)	Panetta	Vasquez
Keating	Pappas	Velazquez
Kelly (IL)	Pascarell	Wagner
Kelly (MS)	Payne	Walberg
Khanna	Peltola	Waltz
Kiggans (VA)	Pence	Wasserman
Kildee	Perez	Schultz
Kiley	Perry	Waters
Kilmer	Peters	Watson Coleman
Kim (CA)	Petterson	Webster (FL)
Kim (NJ)	Pfugler	Wenstrup
Krishnamoorthi	Pingree	Westerman
Kuster	Pocan	Wexton
Kustoff	Porter	Wild
LaHood	Pressley	Williams (GA)
LaLota	Quigley	Williams (NY)
LaMalfa	Ramirez	Williams (TX)
Lamborn	Raskin	Wilson (FL)
Landsman	Reschenthaler	Wilson (SC)
Langworthy	Rodgers (WA)	Wittman
Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)	Womack
Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)	Yakym
Latta	Rose	Zinke

NOT VOTING—20

Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Gaetz
Bush	Evans	Jackson Lee

Kelly (PA)	Nehls	Steel
Lee (CA)	Pelosi	Swalwell
Lee (NV)	Phillips	Veasey
McCarthy	Posey	Weber (TX)
McHenry	Scott, Austin	

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Mr. COHEN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 28, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah, containing unofficial results of the Special Election for Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District of Utah held on November 21, 2023.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

Enclosure.

STATE OF UTAH,
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
November 27, 2023.

KEVIN MCCUMBER,
Office of the Clerk,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: Below are listed the unofficial results from the special Utah Second Congressional District election held November 21, 2023. These results are not official at this time and will not be certified as final until the canvass on December 8, 2023. The counties administering the special congressional election will post updated results as they process and count ballots up through their respective county Board of Canvassers meetings which, under the Utah Election Code, may be held as late as December 6th.

The State Board of Canvassers will convene on December 8, 2023 to canvass the returns and will certify the election results at that meeting. As soon as possible after the canvass, the Lieutenant Governor will send the certified election results and an official Certificate of Election to you, both by email and UPS.

The following link directs you to our website where you may observe unofficial results as they are posted. <https://electionresults.utah.gov/results/public/utah/elections/2023-Nov-General>. I have listed the preliminary vote count below and have attached a screenshot of the website as of the morning of Monday, November 27, 2023.

The following results are unofficial and likely to change up through the canvasses that are performed by the county legislative bodies.

Perry T. Myers (Unaffiliated): 1.42 percent 2,195 votes.

Celeste Maloy (Republican): 56.87 percent 87,649 votes.

Cassie Easley (Constitution): 2.31 percent 3,556 votes.